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Initiative 11-0057

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

**THREE STRIKES LAW. SENTENCING FOR REPEAT FELONY OFFENDERS.**

**INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Revises three strikes law to impose life sentence only when new felony conviction is serious or violent. Authorizes re-sentencing for offenders currently serving life sentences if third strike conviction was not serious or violent and judge determines sentence does not pose unreasonable risk to public safety. Continues to impose life sentence penalty if third strike conviction was for certain non-serious, non-violent sex or drug offenses or involved firearm possession. Maintains life sentence penalty for felons with non-serious, non-violent third strike if prior convictions were for rape, murder, or child molestation. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government:

**State savings related to prison and parole operations that potentially range in the high tens of millions of dollars annually in the short run, possibly exceeding \$100 million annually in the long run. Increased state and county costs in the millions to low tens of millions of dollars annually in the first few years, likely declining substantially in future years, for state court activities and county jail, community supervision, and court-related activities.**

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